

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS WORKING GROUP

Thursday, June 23, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Michael Johnson, Co-Chair,
Phoenix
Ed Beasley, Co-Chair, Glendale, representing
the MAG Management Committee
Larry Shobe, Tempe, representing the
MAG Street Committee
Angela Dye, A Dye Design, representing the
American Society of Landscape Architects,
Arizona Chapter
Robert Schultz, City of Mesa, representing
the Arts Community

Dawn Coomer, Scottsdale, representing the
MAG Pedestrian Working Group
*Andre Licardi, Arizona Commission of the
Arts
Bill Lazenby, representing the MAG Regional
Bicycle Task Force
Doug Kupel, Arizona Preservation Foundation,
representing the Archaeological and
Historic Preservation Community

* Not Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Hall, MAG
Linda Snidecor, City of Goodyear
Peggy Rubach, MCDOT
Cristina Herrera, MCDOT
Reed Kempton, City of Scottsdale
Phil Jeselnick, ADOT

Melinda Brimhall, City of Chandler
Lon McDermott, Town of Wickenburg
Ian Cordwell, Town of Cave Creek
Janeen Gaskins, City of Avondale
Dana Tranberg, City of Glendale

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Michael Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Approval of the June 13, 2005, Meeting Minutes of the Enhancement Funds Working Group

Addressing the first order of business, Co-Chair Johnson asked if there were any changes or amendments to the meeting minutes, and asked for a formal approval. Ms. Angela Dye moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Dawn Coomer seconded, and the minutes were subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the Working Group.

3. Introduction of Working Group Members and Members of the Audience

Co-Chair Johnson asked members of the Working Group, and those individuals who were in attendance to introduce themselves.

4. Call to the Audience

Co-Chair Johnson stated that he had not received any request to speak cards from the audience, and moved to the next item on the Agenda.

5. Staff Report

Co-Chair Johnson introduced Mr. Ken Hall, MAG Transportation Planner, to provide an update on current items of interest. Mr. Hall addressed the Working Group and informed those in attendance that MAG received 16 local applications from communities totaling \$6,441,641, and three state applications totaling \$1,691,065. Mr. Hall stated that ADOT had set limits on the total amount of Local and State Transportation Enhancement (TE) applications that could be submitted for the consideration of funding by the Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). He explained that MAG would only be able to submit a total of \$6,000,000 in Local TE applications, and \$3,400,000 in State TE applications to ADOT, for funding consideration by the State TERC.

Mr. Hall then stated that there have been several application changes since the time of the last meeting of the Working Group, which was held on June 13, 2005. Mr. Hall said that the City of Chandler had requested to change the Chandler Boulevard/Loop 101 Corridor Bike Lane Extension project from a State to a Local TE project. He informed the Working Group that the project did not qualify for funding from the Transportation Enhancement's State category because the majority of the project's area was located outside of state right-of-way. Mr. Hall said that the City of Chandler reduced the requested Federal amount of the project from \$612,212 to \$500,000. He said that as a result of Chandler's project reduction and transfer from the State to the Local category, the total MAG application dollars submitted for the consideration of funding in Round XIII should now read \$6,919,441 for Local TE projects, and \$1,078,853 for State TE projects.

Mr. Hall then informed the Working Group that the City of Goodyear has readjusted their Local TE Federal project request (the Goodyear Pedestrian Bridge) from a total of \$288,877 to \$296,385, and changed plans to widen the bridge from 10 to 12 feet. Also, Mr. Hall informed those in attendance that the City of Glendale changed the application title on their project from the *Grand Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Project*, to the *West Glendale Avenue Walkway and Connectivity Enhancements* project. Mr. Hall then provided an overview of all State and Local application submittals that were requesting transportation enhancement funding in Round XIII, and also provided a brief overview of the ADOT State and Local TE funding results from Round XII (2004). This concluded Mr. Hall's report.

6. Review, Discussion and Ranking of Round XIII Enhancement Fund Applications

Addressing the next order of business, Co-Chair Johnson informed members of the Working Group that they have arrived at the section of the Agenda where members can discuss applications, as well as any concerns or outstanding issues. He asked Mr. Hall for his comments, and Mr. Hall then provided members with a brief overview of the process. He called their attention to Attachment A of the Agenda Packet, and stated that the attachment provided an overview of every member agency's application that had been submitted for the consideration of funding. Mr. Hall then handed out a ranking sheet to each of the members in attendance, and described the ranking process. He noted that the rankings from today's meeting would be presented before the State TERC in the order that they were collectively ranked by the Working Group.

Co-Chair Johnson then asked if any members in attendance had comments prior to the ranking process. Ms. Angela Dye addressed the Working Group, and stated that she would like to abstain from voting on the Town of Gilbert's project, due to a conflict of interest. Co-Chair Johnson acknowledged Ms. Dye's request, and informed members to begin the ranking process for the MAG Round XIII Transportation Enhancement applications. Co-Chair Johnson requested that members give all completed ranking forms back to Mr. Hall, who would then calculate the project rankings while the Working Group took a brief recess. The rankings were then completed, and the Working Group officially went into recess at 9:44 a.m.

At 10:13 a.m., Co-Chair Johnson had announced that the project ranking process was complete. The meeting was reconvened, and the rankings were displayed on the screen for all in attendance to see. Mr. Hall also distributed a handout of the rankings to those in attendance. Mr. Hall then read the rankings to the Working Group as listed below:

Applicant	Project	Federal Amt.	Total Federal Amt.	Rank
LOCAL PROJECTS				
Tempe	Tempe Crosscut Canal Multi-Use Path Phase II - Phase II proposes a one-mile, non-motorized path facility that will connect to the recently completed, award-winning 1.25 mile Crosscut Canal Multi-Use Path (Phase I). Includes a paved path facility, landscaping, lighting, the construction of 3 bridges over the canal, and a public art element.	\$500,000	\$500,000	1
Maricopa County	Cycle to the Salt Bicycle Lane Project - This project adds a bicycle lane on both sides of Bush highway from Utery Path Road to Stewart Mountain Dam Road, and continues Regional Bike Route 76 from the Mesa City limits to the Salt River Recreational site. Modifies an existing rural road that is narrow and contains 19 curves with areas of limited visibility into a smooth, wider and safer road that accommodates pedestrians and bicyclists.	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	2

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Scottsdale	Crosscut Canal Multi-Use Path Enhancement Project, Thomas Road to Indian School Road - Design and construction of a 10' to 12' path along the east bank of the Crosscut Canal (approximately 64 th St.) from Thomas to Indian School Roads. Provides improved path links to Tempe and Phoenix. Includes ADA ramps, lighting, landscaping, benches, and signage.	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	3
Scottsdale	Thomas Road Bicycle Lanes and Sidewalk Enhancement Project, 64th Street to 68th Street - Project will add bicycle lanes and enhance sidewalks for a distance of 0.5 miles along Thomas Rd. Bicycle lanes will connect to existing lanes on 64 th St. and a bicycle route on 68 th St. Project will connect to a multi-use path along the Crosscut canal, a component of the 11-mile Papago Salado Trail System. Includes ADA ramps, lighting, landscaping, benches, signage, and striping.	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	4
Glendale	Grand Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Project - This project involves removing approximately 3,600 linear feet of existing 4' wide sidewalk and installing a multi-use path (10' to 14' wide). Includes pedestrian and bicyclist comfort and safety enhancements, landscaping, shade trees and crosswalk improvements on the north side of Glendale Avenue from North 59 th Ave. to North 63 rd Ave.	\$500,000	\$2,500,000	5 (Tie)
ASU	University District Right-of-Way - Located in central Phoenix at the proposed site of ASU Downtown. Includes the construction of a 16' wide, 940 linear foot segment of pedestrian pathway, with lighting, landscaping, street furniture, identification signage and banners. The project area includes frontage on the east side of Central Avenue, between Fillmore and the Taylor alignment, and on the south side of Fillmore between Central Avenue and 1 st Street.	\$500,000	\$3,000,000	5 (Tie)
Gilbert	Gilbert Heritage District Downtown Pedestrian Project - Will improve pedestrian access in Gilbert's downtown Heritage District by installing ADA-compliant concrete sidewalks and shade trees north of Gilbert and Elliot Roads. Provides linkages between a park-and-ride lot, the Gilbert Senior Center and the Boys and Girls Club.	\$360,000	\$3,360,000	7
Mesa/ASU	Backus Mall, ASU Polytechnic Campus - Project represents Phase I of a two-phase effort, intended to convert an old military road (Twining Street) into a primary campus pedestrian walkway. Phase I is a 495' long, 250' wide roadway that will offer shade structures, seating areas, drinking fountains, bike racks, lighting, handicap access, and safe travel for pedestrians and bicyclists.	\$395,000	\$3,755,000	8

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Mesa	The Skyline Bike and Pedestrian Pathway - Construction of a paved 12' wide by 0.75 mile long bicycle connection linking the Parkwood Ranch subdivision with Skyline High School and Skyline Park. Includes a bridge structure over the drainage canal, and a shelter with furniture and bike racks.	\$461,303	\$4,216,303	9
Chandler	Chandler Boulevard/Loop 101 Corridor Bicycle Lane Extension - The project is for the extension of bicycle lanes along Chandler Blvd. through the Price/Loop 101 Corridor. Includes modifications to the medians, and outside curb lanes to accommodate continuous bike lanes along this section of Chandler Blvd. Includes ADA ramps and landscaping.	\$500,000	\$4,716,303	10
Avondale	Littleton Elementary School Sidewalk Connection Project - Project provides a 6' wide sidewalk (1,300' long) with 4 ADA-compliant ramps along the southern portion of MC 85 and Avondale Blvd. Provides a critical link between residential homes, commercial shopping, and an educational facility. Also addresses safety issues.	\$61,295	\$4,777,598	11
Cave Creek	Town Core Pedestrian Pathway (The Walk) - Involves a .75 mile long multi-use path system through town core area. The 6' wide path will include landscaping, retention areas, and signage. Path located on south side of Cave Creek Road and will be constructed of integral color, exposed aggregate concrete and ADA accessible.	\$500,000	\$5,277,598	12
Chandler	Paseo Trail/Park and Ride Multi-Use Path - This project would provide funding for the design and construction a 0.5 mile multi-use pathway connecting the Paseo Trail to a new park and ride facility on the west side of Tumbleweed Park. Includes landscaping, benches, bike lockers, trash receptacles, drinking fountains and signage.	\$429,608	\$5,707,206	13
Goodyear	Goodyear Pedestrian Bridge - Construction of a 10' wide, 107' long concrete bridge structure stretching across an overflow canal. Will provide pedestrian linkage between the new YMCA and pool; the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community and School, parking lot and future recreational areas; and the newly opened Goodyear Community Park.	\$296,385	\$6,003,591	14
Avondale	Las Ligas Sidewalk Project - Project provides connectivity between several sidewalks in a low income area, including 7,500 linear feet of sidewalk improvements, to include ADA-compliant ramps.	\$150,880	\$6,154,471	15
Paradise Valley	Sidewalk Construction Project on Tatum Blvd (Lincoln Dr. to Doubletree Ranch Rd.) - Removing and replacing sections of asphalt sidewalk, and constructing new sections - thereby extending the existing sidewalks on the east and west sides of Tatum Blvd. from Lincoln Dr. to Doubletree Rd.	\$387,170	\$6,541,641	16

Applicant	Project	Federal Amt.	Total Federal Amt.	Rank
Paradise Valley	Lincoln Drive Sidewalk Construction Project (Invergordon Road to the Town's East Limit) - Construction of a 6' wide sidewalk where none currently exists, located on the south side of Lincoln Dr. between Invergordon Rd. and Town's eastern limits - west of Scottsdale Road.	\$377,800	\$6,919,441	17
STATE PROJECTS				
Wickenburg	Downtown Street Scape Project (US60 & US93) - Conversion of the 1962 US 60/US 93 bridge across the Hassayampa River into a pedestrian walkway, and the restoration of the 1946 railroad underpass on US 60. Includes landscaping and site furnishings.	\$368,585	\$368,585	1
Wickenburg	US 60 Multi-Use Path Involves the construction of a 10' wide, multi-use path within the right-of-way of US 60 within the Town of Wickenburg, from the Vulture Mine Road crossing to Los Altos Drive, a distance of 1.4 miles. Phase II of the original master plan for pedestrian access from the Town Core to Sunset Park.	\$710,268	\$1,078,853	2

Discussion followed, and several members of the Working Group addressed the issue of lowering the amount of Goodyear's Pedestrian Bridge project by \$3,591 in an effort to bring the total regional submittal amount to \$6,000,000. Mr. Doug Kupel then addressed the Working Group, and stated that it was his belief that the Avondale Las Ligas project was a better project than Goodyear's Pedestrian Bridge. Ms. Angela Dye agreed, and moved to forward the ranked list of applications to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC), with the City of Avondale's Las Ligas project being moved ahead of the City of Goodyear project in the rankings from #15 to #14, to be considered for Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding. Mr. Kupel seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and Mr. Robert Shultz stated that he would vote against the motion if formally entertained, because there are sufficient funds for the Goodyear project, if it were in fact reduced by a minor amount. Mr. Larry Shobe agreed with Mr. Schultz, and stated that the Goodyear project should be reduced, and recommended for submittal to ADOT as MAG's #14 ranked Local TE project.

Further discussion followed, and Mr. Kupel said that he did not see much of a difference between the Goodyear and Avondale projects, other than the fact that the Goodyear project involved the development of a bridge serving private facilities; whereas the Avondale project would provide a public benefit to a low-to-moderate income population in need. Ms. Dye stated that based upon the comments of other members in attendance, she felt that it would be in the collective best interest of the Working Group to withdraw the motion to move Avondale's Las Ligas project ahead of the Goodyear Pedestrian Bridge project. Co-Chair Johnson then acknowledged that the motion had been formally withdrawn by Ms. Dye. Mr. Shobe stated that the new motion should include projects #1 through #14 on the Local

TE project list, to include Goodyear with a reduced project amount from \$296,385 to \$292,794. Mr. Schultz and all members in attendance also concurred with Mr. Shobe.

Member discussion followed regarding the communities which had two project submittals, and on the order of recommended priority for those community projects. It was noted that each community with multiple projects had already indicated their preference. There was also additional discussion on the #5 project tie between Glendale and Arizona State University (ASU), and the ranking process at the State TERC level. It was noted by several members in attendance that the TERC did not necessarily respect the MAG rankings, and that each submitted project stood on its own merit. Therefore, the #5 project tie should not be of concern to the Working Group.

Co-Chair Johnson then asked for a formal motion and a vote. Mr. Shobe then moved to forward the ranked list of Local and State Transportation Enhancement applications to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC) for the consideration of funding, with the understanding that the City of Goodyear Pedestrian Bridge project would be reduced by \$3,591 in order to meet the maximum allowable submittal amount of \$6,000,000 million for the ADOT Local TE project category. Mr. Bill Lazenby seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by subsequent voice vote of the Working Group. Co-Chair Johnson stated that the Local list would include projects #1 through #14, and consist of \$6,000,000 in requested funds from ADOT; whereas the State list would include both of the projects from Wickenburg, consisting of \$1,078,853 in requested funds from ADOT. There was no further discussion.

7. Other Items Relevant to the Round XIII and Future Enhancement Fund Applications

Co-Chair Johnson addressed the next order of business, and asked whether anyone had any other issues to raise for discussion. There were no comments or items addressed from members of the Committee.

8. Future Meeting Dates

Co-Chair Johnson stated that a tentative meeting of the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group was scheduled for June 28, 2006. However, Co-Chair Johnson noted that the meeting was not needed because the Working Group was able to reach consensus and subsequent approval of the project rankings at today's meeting. Co-Chair Johnson informed those in attendance that the next meeting of the Working Group would be held during the early months of 2006, once MAG Staff had set the meeting schedule for Round XIV. There being no further comments or questions, Co-Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

